

# CHICAGO



# THE MODERN DOG'S GUIDE TO CHICAGO WHERE TO SHOP, EAT, STAY, AND PLAY.

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Sniffed out: the city's best ideas for a full day of doggie nirvana. Herewith, Chicago's top dog-friendly hotels, restaurants, shops, and outdoor spots.



## SHOP

**For Dog's Sake**  
1757 N. Kimball  
(773) 278-4355

Dog owners from all over Chicago journey to this spacious facility in Humboldt Park to get the low-down from store owner Marcia Andrade on canine health and nutrition. Her commitment to the highest quality products means that all-natural Abady dog food, Simply Fido's organic cotton toys, and Plato Smart Dog organic treats are all in stock. [fordogsake.com](http://fordogsake.com)

**Barker and Meowsky**  
1003 W. Armitage  
(773) 868-0200

From Cubs jerseys to reflective raincoats to spring bonnets, this Lincoln Park "Paw Firm" has something for every dog, no matter what his or her aesthetic. With its warm and welcoming atmosphere, this boutique begs for browsing, so stay a

while to pick out the hottest in high-end apparel, doggie beds, carriers, toys, and leashes. All quadrupeds get a yummy treat. [barkerandmeowsky.com](http://barkerandmeowsky.com)

**Dogaholics**  
904 W Armitage Ave  
(773) 857-5787

Indulge that doggone addiction of yours with some "retail-tainment" at this Lincoln Park boutique. Cool and unique products include custom dog beds, carriers, bike wagons, gourmet bakery treats, self-wash tubs, and all-natural food. [dog-a-holics.com](http://dog-a-holics.com)

**Ruff Haus Pets**  
4652 N. Rockwell  
(773) 478-5100

When Fido's hankering for a little ruff haus-ing, head over to this Lincoln Square pet store to pick up an Orbee football, a Tirebiter toy, or The (oh-so-bouncy) Rock. Dog grooming services, a variety of premium natural and organic foods, and a great selection of pet accessories make it a one-stop shop. Clean up Fluffy for the return trip home on Self-wash Sundays, when grooming facilities are made available to the public for \$15. [ruffhauspets.com](http://ruffhauspets.com)



**Tails in the City**  
One E. Delaware Place  
(312) 649-0347

"Your dog deserves luxury" is the slogan of this trendsetting canine boutique located in the upscale Gold Coast neighbourhood. Furry clientele can find chic apparel and accessories here, including luxury brands Ugg Australia, Little Lily, and Juicy Couture. [tailsinthecity.com](http://tailsinthecity.com)

**Red Dog House**  
2031 N. Damen Ave.  
(773) 227-7341

Red Dog House features many exclusive lines of tail-wagging wares, including clothing, leads, collars, carriers, beds, spa products, and organic treats. Regular dog-related events for pets and their people include pet portraits and adoption events, holistic massage classes, and pet CPR classes. A portion of all event proceeds are donated to animal organizations. [reddoghouse.com](http://reddoghouse.com)

## STAY

**The Hotel Monaco Chicago**  
225 N. Wabash  
(800) 397-7661

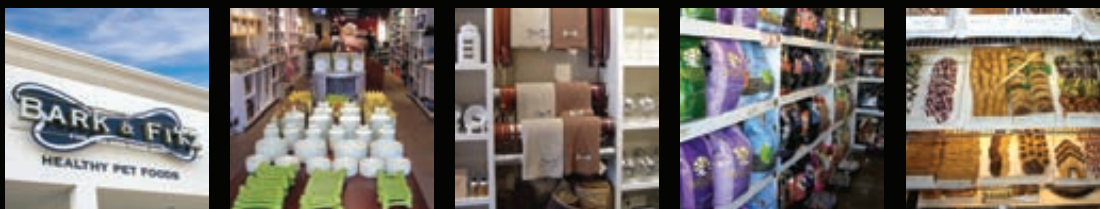
This four-star Kimpton hotel offers the style and comfort needed after a long day of sightseeing in the nearby Magnificent Mile area, theatre district, and Loop business district. Dogs of all sizes stay free and are treated to the PAWS Pet Package, which includes a doggie bed, bowl, and a welcome treat at check-in. Concierge staff can arrange pet walking and sitting services along with daycare, grooming, and spa services. [monaco-chicago.com](http://monaco-chicago.com)

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The Hotel Monaco Chicago

### Hotel 71

71 E. Wacker Drive  
(312) 346-7100

This urban boutique hotel is located on the Chicago River at Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue, part of the Magnificent Mile. Originally designed as condominiums in 1958, all of the 454 guestrooms in the 40-story tower are unusually spacious and feature a stylish seating area. Dogs under 20 pounds are welcome for a fee of \$100 per visit. [hotel71.com](http://hotel71.com)

### Hotel Sax Chicago

333 N. Dearborn  
(888) 407-4856

Located on the river in historic Marina City, Hotel Sax Chicago is a new breed of luxury hotel: comfortable, imaginative, and a little whimsical. Dogs who weigh less than 50 pounds can stay the night for an additional \$50, which includes V.I.C. (Very Important Canine) treatment—a fluffy bed, matching food and drinking bowls, and treats. [hotelsaxchicago.com](http://hotelsaxchicago.com)

### Best Western Hawthorne Terrace Hotel

3434 N. Broadway  
(773) 244-3434

This charming hotel is nestled in the bustling Lakeview neighborhood, just steps from vibrant nightlife, theatre, sidewalk cafés, and lakefront biking. Each of the 59 rooms and suites have the warmth and charm of a vintage hotel combined with modern amenities. A \$50 deposit is required for each canine guest. [hawthorneterrace.com](http://hawthorneterrace.com)

## GET

### Annette's Homemade Italian Ice

2009 N. Bissell Street  
(773) 868-9000

Interrupt your evening stroll to enjoy the wide variety of flavours and generous portions served at this popular Lincoln Park ice and sundae stand. Dogs will enjoy the soy-based doggie treats on offer.

### O'Donovan's

2100 W. Irving Park  
(773) 478-2100

Touted as a place for everyone to enjoy, this bar is one of Chicago's oldest. Cheap drinks, tasty dishes, and a down-to-earth vibe make it a favourite with North Park locals. Leashed dogs are allowed in the sidewalk café, which is open until late October.

### Hot Doug's

3324 N. California Ave.  
(773) 279-9550

Locals line up around the block for the delicious hot dogs served at this famed "Sausage Superstore and Encased Meat Emporium." Tasty options include Chicago-style dogs, Polish sausages, Bratwurst, Fire Dogs, and Andouille sausages. Get one to go and, with a dog in both hands, explore this Avondale neighbourhood.

## PLAY

### Navy Pier

600 East Grand Ave.  
(800) 595-7437

Leashed dogs can tour most of the outdoor areas of this lakefront landmark.



Navy Pier

The pier's 50 acres include parks, promenades, gardens, shops, eateries, and attractions. [navypier.com](http://navypier.com)

### Riverwalk Gateway

Under the south side of the Michigan Ave. Bridge

This 336-foot tunnel cum art exhibit introduces pedestrians to Chicago's history through narrative and decorative panels. It also connects the Riverwalk and Lakefront Trail, two of Chicago's best dog-friendly paths. [cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)



Riverwalk Gateway

### Pooch Chicago

2228 N. Clybourn Ave.  
(773) 348-2646

Haute hounds receive the celebrity treatment at this dogs-only luxury "spaw" and hotel in Lincoln Park. Amenities include a 16-foot heated canine pool, a professional canine treadmill, and radiant heated floors throughout. Tempered-glass suites are equipped with skylights, plasma TV viewing, luxurious bedding, and soothing bed-time music. [poochhotel.com](http://poochhotel.com)

### Lincoln Park

Between Ardmore and North Ave.  
(312) 742-7529

Stretching six miles along Lake Michigan, Chicago's favourite park allows leashed dogs in many areas, as well as off-leash play in the park's dog-friendly areas. Important: All visitors must obtain a permit and tag for their pet from a Chicago veterinary office at a cost of \$5 in order to use a dog-friendly area. [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com) ■